

Institutional Issues

Fire Closure Areas

The Riverside Unit has seven areas that are closed to the public during declared fire season. These areas were determined based upon the following criteria:

- Critical access areas
- Light, flashy fuels
- Difficult access
- Extended response time
- Potential for structure loss in a very short period of time

The seven areas affected by the closure are:

- Minto Way
- Reinhart Canyon
- Bautista Canyon
- North Mountain & Indian Canyon
- Lakeview
- Ramona Bowl (Wildland Urban Interface issues, in 1995 five homes were lost in a five acre wildland fire.)
- Whitewater Canyon

Section 4 of Appendix II-A of the Uniform Fire Code Restricted Entry is utilized to authorize and enforce the closure.

The chief is hereby given the authority to officially determine and publicly announce the closure of any hazardous fire area or portion thereof. However, any closure by the chief for a period of more than fifteen (15) days must be approved by the Board of Supervisors within fifteen (15) days of the chief's original order of closure. No person shall go in or be upon any hazardous fire area, except upon the public roadways and inhabited areas therein during such time as the area is closed to entry. This section shall not prohibit residents or owners of private property within any closed area, or their invitees, from going in or being upon their lands. This section does not apply to any entry, in the course of duty by a peace officer or any other duly authorized public officer, member of any fire department, or member of the U.S. Forest Service or California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, nor does this section apply to National Forest Land in any respect. During periods of closure, the chief shall erect and maintain at all entrances to the closed areas sufficient signs giving adequate notice of closure.

2005 Riverside Unit Pre-Fire Management Plan

Red Flag Days

This program is designed to prevent large and damaging fires that can occur during the following conditions:

- Red flag weather conditions as predicted by the National Fire Weather Service.
- When red flag indices reach or exceed local plan levels.
- When suppression and prevention force availability is severely depleted due to
- Emergency activity and other incidents.
- When other unusual circumstances dictate the need to implement red flag activities.

In 2004 the Riverside Unit conducted six Red Flag patrols. Six CDF Personnel patrolled 3,600 miles over a period of 432 hours.

Number of Patrols

6

	Number of Miles	Number of Hours	Number of People
CDF	3600	432	6
VIP/Other	0	0	0
Total	3600	432	6